REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in view of the following remarks.

The drawing was objected to for not showing "means for providing a prompt". A replacement drawing sheet is included herewith. Fig. 1 now shows arrangement 107, which would appear to be sufficient to address the present drawing objection. The specification has also been amended to refer to reference numeral 107, shown now in Fig. 1.

Claims 3 and 16-17 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Similarly, Claims 14 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, were rejected for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims have been rewritten in a manner believed to obviate the formal issues raised in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 16-18 and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fuller. Claims 1 and 18 are independent claims; Claims 16-17 and 31-32 depend from Claims 1 and 18, respectively. The Examiner has acknowledged that dependent Claims 2-15 and 19-30 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be

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allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the of the base claims and any intervening claim.

Claims 1 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 19 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter of now cancelled Claims 1 and 18, respectively. Claims 16-17 have been rewritten to change their dependency from now cancelled Claim 1 to Claims 2 and to address certain formal issues. Claims 31-32 have been rewritten to change their dependencies from now cancelled Claim 18 to Claim 19. Newly presented dependent Claims 33-34 are directed to additional features of the present invention.

It should be noted the amendments made herein are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution.

The "prior art made of record" has been reviewed. Applicant acknowledges that such prior art was not deemed by the Office to be sufficiently relevant as to have been applied against the claims of the instant application. To the extent that the Office may apply such prior art against the claims in the future, Applicant will be fully prepared to respond thereto.

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In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 2-17 and 19-34, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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